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—Franklin.

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LEGION SPONSORED DEBATE APRIL 7 ON VITAL QUESTION OF U. M. T.

The "Haven H. Spencer Post" has released further information on the forthcoming debate on Universal Military Training, on April 7, at 8 p. m.

Joint High School Teachers Meeting

Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Taylor of Union No. 23 held a meeting of the joint staffs of Northfield High School and Powers Institute at Powers Institute on Monday, March twenty-ninth.

Superintendent Taylor outlined the standardized testing program to be carried on in May and June in the two schools and pointed out the purposes of such a testing program and the values to be gained therein. He stressed that standardized tests when used in conjunction with other school records provide invaluable data to the schools and teachers, concerning groups as a whole and concerning individual pupils. He further emphasized that striving for high scores on these standardized tests is not a primary end of these tests, but that a greater value lies in the tracing of the growth of our pupils.

The Northfield staff presented a panel discussion on the topic "Selling Your School." The participants in the discussion were: Mr. George M. Leonard, Principal; Miss Evelyn Lewley, Submaster; Mr. Harold McLean; and Miss Nellie Dearstyne. Miss Dearstyne concentrated on classroom procedures and public relations. These speakers pointed out the importance of improving public relations between the community and the school and stressed the various ways in which teachers are responsible for the building up of an effective public relations program.

For the Bernardston staff Miss Helen Burroughs presented a treatise, "The Handling of Disciplinary Cases," in which the various types of disciplinary cases were mentioned and the recommended procedures for correction.

An active discussion period followed the presentation of these topics.

P-T. A. News

The Northfield P-T. A. Basketball Committee met on March 30, with Chairman Robert Barnes presiding. The committee is ordered netting to be used in the Town Hall, and are making arrangements for the installation of suspending cables.

P-T. A. officials urge members to attend the Open Forum on Universal Military Training at the Town Hall on April 7, at 8 p. m. A debating team from the American International College in Springfield will bring Northfield citizens a complete picture of both sides of this important question.

Fire Permits Needed

Anyone wishing to burn outside fires must have a permit after April 1, Andrew Gray, Fire Warden, recently announced. The telephone number is 319.

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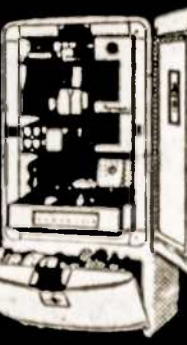
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Maple Sap Runs Improve This Week

Good weather for the past week has improved the quantity and quality of the local maple sap run. Local producers have high hopes of being able to reach their anticipated goals before the season ends.

It has taken about fifty gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, which is somewhat higher than the comparative figure of last year.

The syrup has been somewhat darker during the earlier runs, but the later runs have been of lighter color and better flavor.

The generally quoted price for syrup on the farm has been set at \$6.00 a gallon.

The "sugar house" erected by Roy Barrows and used for the first time this season has attracted considerable attention from townspeople and visitors alike. The very large evaporator housed in the building has brought many enthusiastic comments from all on-lookers.

Among other conveniences and innovations the "sugar house" has a visitors bench for a more leisurely study of the boiling of the sap into syrup.

Fish and Game Elect New Officers

The local Fish and Game Association elected the following officers for the coming year: Horace Field, president; Francis Reed, vice-president; Miss Lois Sterns, secretary; and Mrs. Helen Sterns, treasurer.

April 29, was set as the proposed date for the annual banquet, with the following committee appointed: James Dresser, chairman of the supper committee; William Walker, chairman of entertainment; and Clarence Spaulding chairman of the door award committee.

Mrs. Helen Sterns is to be in charge of the membership drive, with cash awards being made to the three who bring in the most members.

The new president, Field, appointed the following committees for the coming year: Murray Hammond, Joseph Bilman, Jr., and Melvin Morgan, Fish; Harold Clough Donald Truesdell and Gilbert Hammond pheasant.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated for the purpose of trout and a sum of \$200 for the purchase of pheasant.

Rewarded for Service

Eight members of the Haven H. Spencer Post recently went to the home of Stanley Payson, where Post Commander Richard Steenbruggen presented Mr. Payson with the Past Commander's Badge with year bars.

A citation was also presented to the Past Commander in grateful appreciation for his services as Commander of the local Post during the years 1945-1947.

Mr. Payson has been a Legionnaire for over twenty years.

The Summer Theatre Resumes Next July

It will be pleasing news to many Northfield patrons that the Summer Theatre in Brattleboro will again present a series of plays in the Auditorium beginning on July 12.

Harry L. Young, the managing director, will return early in May to begin preparations after a winter spent in Albany, N. Y. where he was director of the Playhouse.

Young states that about seven plays will be presented in Brattleboro with at least two star performers, and many of the former casts will return. The list of performances will soon be made public and plans for the subscription of tickets will be announced.

As usual full information will be given in the Press.

A. Y. H. News

The Director of the New England Region for the American Youth Hostels, Mr. Donald Booth of Boston, stopped in at National Headquarters on his way to Middlebury, Vt. An active group in Middlebury headed up by the Recreation Department of Middlebury College, is organizing a Council for that area.

Mr. Booth plans to spend the next two months in Vermont and New Hampshire setting up new hostels so that the original loop of 30 hostels extending from Northfield up through the Green Mountains and back to Northfield via the White Mountains may be re-established by this summer.

The hostels will be set up approximately 15 miles apart so that hikers will be able to reach one every day. Cyclists (and 85% of American hostellers travel by bicycle) will be able to cover two or three hostels in a day. However, an experienced hosteller attempts to travel a short enough distance each day so that he will have time to stop and swim, explore side trails, get acquainted with the people of the area, visit places of interest, and thus truly enjoy their days in the out of doors.

Even though the rising cost of food stuffs will force the cost per day of hosting to be closer to \$1.50 than the usual \$1, this leisurely type of travel will still provide the most inexpensive vacation possible in America today.

Traveling the youth hostel way is recognized by educators as an excellent method of supplementing the knowledge which is learned in the class room. Students have a chance to learn for themselves by experience some of the richest lessons that can be gained. This "learning by doing" is a painless method because the student often does not realize how much he is acquiring in the way of self-reliance, initiative, and understanding, as he is learning it in his daily life.

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U. S. Bond Drive Will Soon Start

The new campaign for the selling of U. S. Bonds to be known as the American Security Loan Campaign sponsored by the Savings Bond Division of the United States Treasury will be organized in every state, city and town, and begin on April 15th. The process of the organization is now under way and a chairman will be made to conduct the campaign in the area of each unit. The campaign will be conducted for the sale of E, F, and G bonds and each individual may purchase in the various amounts up to \$7,500.

Publicity of all details will be announced later.

Will Improve Road

It will be good news to motorists of Northfield that the state highway making approaches to the Hale's Crossing bridge over the Boston and Maine railroad in Bernardston is to be improved.

The state department of Public Works has made such an announcement and bids will be opened soon for the work. For a long time these sections of the highway have been in a deplorable condition, full of ruts, holes and bumpy and every auto has had to "take it easy" enroute to Greenfield. While repairs are being made and to lessen the traffic local motorists can use the Gill and Factory Hollow roads to Greenfield.

Methodist Conference

For the first time in one hundred years Boston will be the host to the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church, April 28 through May 9.

Sixty-six bishops are expected to attend, 33 of whom administer episcopal areas in the U. S. The 800 elected delegates, divided equally between clergy and laity, will represent 150 annual conferences, domestic and foreign. More than one-fifth of the lay delegates to the conference will be women.

Some of the speakers scheduled for evening programs are: John Foster Dulles of New York; Rep. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota; U. S. Civil Service Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming of Washington; the Rev. Dr. Louis D. Newton of Atlanta, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Episcopal address will be delivered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, Wednesday evening, April 28. The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of New York, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church will address an ecumenical session Sunday afternoon, May 2. Youth night will be Saturday, May 1.

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UNUSUAL BIBLE PAGEANT BEING BROUGHT TO NORTHFIELD

The Deerfield, N. H., Bible Pageant is to be shown in the Northfield Congregational Church on

next Sunday evening, April 4th, at 7 o'clock.

New Look in Hats New York Sees Them

Even the horses wear hats in New York's traditional Easter Parade. Judging from the very original creation that "Old Dobbin" was wearing while hauling the hansom through Central Park, John-Fredericks and Lily Dache must be in business for the horse set around Central Park.

Not to be outdone by this display of finery, countless of the braver women defied the biting wind and sunless day to break out in some very rare specimens of the milliner's art.

Most of the ladies had to be content with showing off the hats for they had to rely on their winter outfits to keep warm.

There were big hats and little hats; there were flowery hats and there were be-ribboned hats — any kind you might want to name.

As usual there were some unusual specimens too, but we must stretch a point to keep them in the category of hats.

One smiling damsel had a hat that looked like a windmill, or perhaps it was a windmill that looked like a hat — however, the arms of the windmill were furiously spinning in the stiff breeze. As was mentioned before it was a hat or a windmill furnishing power for the ladies torch. What ever it was, it was on top of the ladies head.

Following her down the avenue came another faunter of traditions, or perhaps it was the new look.

However, this fair thing had a normal type hat on, but the decorations were certainly novel. From a distance it appeared that three six inch antenna-like wires pointed skyward from the crown of the hat and each wire had a decoration on it. They were in the order named, an aging pine cone, a withered orange and a dead mouse.

It would be most appropriate now to turn from the women to the men, and report on the sartorial splendor of the male paraders, but many of the men looked as if they had been dragged from a nice warm fire and were in a hurry to get the whole thing over with.

Despite the rather disheartening weather it did not deter vast multitudes from massing along Fifth Avenue and keeping the tradition of the Easter Parade alive.

We hope the horse didn't eat her hat — it was that pretty.

Last Summer the minister and people of rural Deerfield, New Hampshire, spent much time collecting costumes, locating and making properties, and acting Bible stories, beginning with the book of Genesis and ending with the book of Revelation. The pictures of the creation are colorful and impressive. Among the properties produced for the Pageant were a huge 8 by 13 foot Bible and a handsome two-wheeled chariot. Swords, sandals, belts and other properties were made in the Daily Vacation Bible School. Mountain-top episodes, including the dramatic giving of the Ten Commandments, were photographed on the summit of Saddleback Mountain in Deerfield. Pleasant Pond in Deerfield was the setting used to depict Jesus preaching from a boat as he preached on Lake Galilee.

The world premiere of the Pageant, on Nov. 23, 1947, drew 1500 people to Deerfield. Among them was the Governor of New Hampshire. The Pageant has been enthusiastically received wherever presented. The pictures are in color and projected on a large screen, accompanied by spoken Bible script and appropriate music.

The public is invited to see the Deerfield Bible Pageant in the Northfield Congregational Church on this next Sunday evening, April 4th, at 7 o'clock. There will be a silver offering to meet the expense of bringing the Pageant to Northfield.

Joan Nickel Married; New Jersey Wedding

The marriage of Miss Joan Nahr Nickel, daughter of Mrs. Paulina M. Nickel of Highland Avenue, East Northfield, formerly of Maplewood, New Jersey, and Kenneth Yamamoto of Washington, D. C. took place on Saturday, March 27th at the Maplewood Women's Club house. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Samuel L. Hamilton of Newark, N. J. chairman of the Religious Education department of New York University. Miss Andrea Nickel was her sister's only attendant and Thomas R. Bodine of Hartford, Conn., was the best man. The bride is an alumnus of Columbia High School and Antioch college. Mr. Yamamoto attended the Los Angeles and Washington Universities. After a wedding trip the young couple will live in Washington where Mr. Yamamoto will continue his studies.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3:
Fortnightly Luncheon at the Northfield, 1 p. m.

April 4:
Deerfield Bible Pageant film in color at the Congregational Church at 7 p. m.

April 5:
Garden Club meets at Alexander Hall.
P-T. A. Executive Committee Meeting.
Boy Scouts meet.

April 7:
OPEN FORUM ON UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING AT TOWN HALL, 8 P. M. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

April 8:
Unitarian Women's Alligiance annual luncheon.

April 8, 9, 10:
East Hampton Antique Exposition and Sale at Town Hall, East Hampton, Mass.

April 12:
P-T. A. meeting in Alexander Hall at 8 p. m. The program will be "Home Talent" night.

April 13:
Grange meeting.

April 16:
Fortnightly will sponsor show at the Town Hall.

Northfield High School HONOR ROLL — MARCH 1948

GRADE 7
HIGH (all A's) Janet Dean, Second (A's and B's) Marion Bernick, Beverly Bokton, Nancy Jack, Rosemarie Lavallo, Roseanna Lavallee, James Livingston, Joan Phelan, Shirley Sibley, George Sheldon.

GRADE 8
High: Phyllis Hartford, Jacqueline Jewett, Second: Patricia Brown, Annette Clark, Richard Rikert, Ruth Sheldon, Elizabeth Sibley, Pearl Barber, Alma Gillespie.

GRADE 9
Second: Ethebyn Berry, Faith Fisher, Vera Holton, Janet Mankowsky, Edward Parsons.

GRADE 10
Second: Barbara Fortier, Chester Gaida, Edgar Parker.

GRADE 11
Second: Vera Allen, Marion Andrew, Joseph Blimon, Mary Laplante.

GRADE 12
Second: Blanche Duda, Ruth Holton, Julia Ladzinski, Ralph Lyons.

POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

United Nations

Oh Nester of the brawling states,
Clean bill of health to you!
The plexus of unnumbered hates,
Your restful hours are few:
Hope of myriads now alive
And nations yet unborn,
God grant you vigor to survive
The blasts of lethal scorn.

Oh beacon of abysmal night
And eye of peoples blind,
Stand steadfast with your flame
alight.

A guide to dazed mankind;
As umpire in a madcap game
Your vested tank in hand,
With comfort in Heaven's acclaim
Your manifest reward.

W. O. T.

Plea To April

Sing me a song, I have waited long,
Sing me a song of April weather:
Of a dash of rain on the window pane

Or a shaft of sun, or both together,
Sing as you pass of fresh green grass

Or ferny grove or field of clover,
I am tired of gales and a March that falls

To quite convince me that winter's over,
Sing me a song, I have waited long,
Sing me a song of April weather:

Of bud or blossom or a new leaf out,
Of bud or blossom or both together.
Lalla Mitchell Thornton

Alfalfa May Become

Valuable Human Food

Alfalfa, for many years associated with the livestock phase of farming, may come into its own as a human food crop as science makes further strides in wringing the utmost values out of products of the soil.

Alfalfa some day may be a highly regarded source of human food, Dr. Waldo Semon of B. F. Goodrich company told the National Farm Chemurgic council. He pointed out that protein — a basic requirement in human nutrition — is present in high quality in alfalfa, and said that "when you consider also the minerals and vitamins in hay there is plenty of incentive for working out means of converting it into palatable human food."

As mechanization and scientific operation of farms increase, the threat of overproduction of crops arises, he stated. If crops are continuously upgraded to yield much higher quality foods, or to yield superior industrial materials and even luxury items, the farmer need never face a problem of overproduction.

The speaker cited the farm wood lot as a prime example of crop upgrading, in that a few generations ago the timber was marketed merely as firewood, but now brings higher returns through its use in the paper, cellulose, rayon, plastics and "man-made lumber" industries.

Nursing as a Vocation

Offers Bright Future

With the demand for registered professional nurses reaching its highest levels, those contemplating nursing as a career are asking: "Is this demand only temporary?"

The answer, according to American Nurses' association, a professional organization of nurses, is that the demand for registered professional nurses will increase over the next decade and that the vocational opportunities now offered by the profession are greater than ever.

The general demand for nursing services has been on the increase in recent years, public health provisions and social security programs and veterans' programs are being expanded, and a vast increase of specialized services of nurses is already apparent.

Under the G. I. Bill of Rights, for instance, medical and surgical care is assured to all men and women who served in the armed forces during the war, regardless of whether the disability is due to military or to civilian life. Veterans become eligible for such care upon a statement of their inability to pay for medical care or hospitalization. Since the incidence of sickness increases with age, it is anticipated that the peak for nursing service under the G. I. bill may well be reached in the decade between 1960 and 1970.

Agricultural Extension Start

The agricultural extension service in its present form officially came into being in 1914. In that year congress passed and President Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith-Lever act which set up the extension service. The start of the teaching and work which has grown into the present extension system took place about the time the American republic was being born. In 1785 the Philadelphia society was organized to aid agriculture and spread information of interest and value to farm families. Similar movements continued through all the phases of national growth. Farmers' institutes were started and had become well established by 1899, with many states providing money for them. These institutes tried to bring to farmers at meetings the results of experimental work in agriculture and home economics. From these institutes grew the Boys' Corn clubs, which later became the 4-H clubs.

Water-Borne Commerce

Water-borne commerce on the Great Lakes and their connecting channels is greater than on any other inland waterway. It is conducted with large vessels, comparable in size to those in ocean service, and in many cases specially designed for the movement performed. By far the major portion of Great Lakes traffic consists of bulk movements of iron ore, coal and coke, flaxing stone, petroleum and products, and grain. These commodities aggregate close to seven-eighths of the total, the rest consisting of sand and gravel, iron and steel, and miscellaneous freight. Under stimulus of the war, domestic commerce on the lakes in 1944 approximated 180 million tons. Packaged freight on the Great Lakes amounts to less than 2 percent of the total domestic freight movement on the lakes.

Undersea Mountains

Man is making progress in his quest for information about the mountain ranges, peaks and valleys hidden under the oceans, says National Geographic society. On the heels of an expedition to the Mid-Atlantic ridge comes word that coast and geodetic survey scientists have charted a volcanic range under Bering sea waters and an 11,500 foot peak rising from the deep floor of the north Pacific ocean. Although numerous submarine mountains and mountain ranges are known to exist, details of their shape and structure have remained vague.

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General George S. Patton, Jr. perhaps the most controversial figure in World War II kept a diary from July 1942 until Dec. 5, 1945, four days before his fatal accident.

This diary has been published by Houghton-Mifflin Co. under the title "War as I Knew It."

The main part of the book is devoted to the Third Army campaigns in Europe, while a series of letters written during the African and Italian campaigns preface the European battles.

Part three contains two sections under the general title of "Retrospect," namely "Reflections and Suggestions" and "Earning My Pay." The book closes with an appendix dealing in detail with the organization of the Third Army — Patton's Army.

Included in this book are many remarks concerning the high level commanders of World War II — both American and British.

The book is written in the vigorous and sharp style that Patton displayed in all his actions during the military campaigns. Modesty was never one of his greatest virtues, and as the General himself said, "It always made me mad to have to beg for opportunities to win battles." But even then Stalin was forced to admit that the Russian Army could not have conceived or executed the extraordinary campaign that the Third Army fought across Europe.

This book gives Patton an opportunity to explain some of the more publicized events that marked his career, and that were thoroughly aired in the newspapers of this country during the war.

Through this diary which was kept up in the heat and emotion of battle we can get a glimpse of an Army Commander moving his troops here and there, not the individual soldiers, but directing Corps and Divisions with seeming aplomb and complete confidence in each decision.

The book should prove of particular interest to those who served under Patton during the War, for Patton has something to say about each unit that fought under him. In most cases, in dealing with individuals, he does not stray from the General Officer level — but every now and then he does remark about some extraordinary achievements of lower grade officers and enlisted men.

The 26th division, the "Yankee Division," which originally was a completely New England outfit, but gradually filled in with replacements from the entire United States, was under the Command of General W. S. Paul and fought in the Third Army. General Patton had good words to say of the division and he also had some colorful praise for General Paul.

Certainly this book is worthwhile reading, for either the veteran or the civilian, because this is the beginning of the long written history of a colorful soldier, for certainly some competent biographer will not be able to resist the manifold spirit and legendary life of General George S. Patton, Jr.

In less than a month's time "The Idea of March," by Thornton Wilder has jumped from 18th to 3rd place in the New York Herald Tribune best seller list. Alice Dixon Bond of the Boston Herald said of the book, "It may well become a classic in our immediate present."

U. H.

Chemical Energy Stored

Chemical energy and not electricity is stored in a storage battery. When the battery is charged, the charging current produces in the battery certain chemical reactions. As the battery is used, these reactions are reversed and an electrical current is produced. In a somewhat more literal sense, however, electricity can be stored in a condenser or "capacitor," which consists essentially of two conducting metal plates separated by an insulator. A positive electrical charge is put on one plate and a negative charge on the other. If the conductors have large surfaces and the insulator is very thin, the condenser will have a high capacity, but the amount of energy stored even in a big capacitor would be much smaller than that of an ordinary automobile storage battery. When an automobile storage battery is disconnected and put away for the winter, it soon loses charge and deteriorates and must be recharged.

Could Be Old Age

The earth is slowing its rotation, but the process is a very slow one, increasing the length of the day about a thousandth of a second every century. It is caused by the braking action of the waters of the earth as they flow by tidal movements over shallow areas. The same effect causes the moon to recede from the earth and thus makes the month longer as well. The maximum effect will come in the very distant future when the day and the month will be the same, equal to about 47 of our present days. Then the earth always will keep the same face toward the moon, just as that body does now toward us.

MOM AND THE MONEY

The farmer's wife is going to be a good customer during 1948, declares Barbara Higgins, extension home demonstration agent-at-large at the University of Massachusetts. Records on farm family spending indicate a large demand for home improvement, household equipment, and automobiles.

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Town Topics

Ellen Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Finch, is recovering from her illness and is expected home from the Elliot Memorial Hospital in Keene, N. H. in a few days.

Mrs. George M. Ball has returned to Northfield after spending a month in New York with friends and relatives.

Northfield's Postmaster Larry Quinlan is recovering from a cold, but is now nursing a sore back.

The Rev. Mrs. Helen R. Bassett has returned from a visit at Woodridge, New Jersey where she was present at the wedding of her daughter, Elizabeth, to Frank Horrell of Seattle, Washington. The young couple will reside in Seattle, where Mr. Horrell is attending Pacific College and from which his wife recently graduated.

The selectmen of Northfield will attend the meeting of the Franklin County Selectmen's Association which will be held in Greenfield at the Manion House, Thursday evening, April 8th at seven o'clock. It will be a dinner meeting and Randolph F. King, state registrar of Motor Vehicles will be the guest speaker.

At the last meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, N. H., held at the Winchester hotel, Ernest Kirrman of the faculty of the School for Girls was guest speaker. He spoke of his travels abroad last summer while visiting his native land, Alsace, and showed colored slides of the interesting places.

Rustic Ridge. The snows which cover the Ridge are slowly melting away but the roads are still impassable. Some trees have fallen and some electric wire are down. Some slight damage has been found to a few homes but nothing serious and the owners have been notified. Water coming down the hillside has overflowed some brooks and washed away the earth in some places to find its way to lower levels. It is not expected that the roads will be possible for motor use before April 15th.

EASTERN STAR NEWS

The Eastern Star held their annual meeting and election March 31 at Masonic Hall.

The following officers were elected for this year: Mrs. Dorothy Mann, worthy matron, to succeed Mrs. Albert Anderson; Philip Mann Jr., patron; Mrs. Helen Stearns, associate matron; Herbert Black, associate patron; Mrs. Marion Given, secretary; Mrs. Gladys Ells, treasurer; Mrs. Eleanor Reed, conductress; Mrs. Dorothy Holbrook, associate conductress; Mrs. Maud Montague, trustee for three years. All other offices to be filled by appointment by the matron.

Several of the officers took part in an Easter program under the direction of Mrs. Maud Montague, past worthy matron.

Refreshments were served by the following committee: Mrs. Mildred Addison, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slate, Mrs. Fred Huber, Mrs. George McEwan, Harry Haskell.

Installation will be at the next meeting on April 28.

Paper Milk Containers

Favored by Housewives

Evidence continues to substantiate the belief that paper milk bottles eventually will capture the "store trade" and make big inroads to the doorstep delivery of milk.

Careful marketing studies made in Grand Rapids and Flint, Mich., indicate the housewife's preference for milk in paper containers when purchased at her grocery store.

From March, 1940, to March, 1941, milk in paper containers and in glass bottles was made available in the stores served by the Grand Rapids Grocers' Cooperative company.

Sales in the paper containers increased 400 per cent and the stores discontinued selling milk in glass bottles.

Similar survey has been completed in six Grand Rapids stores covering a period from August, 1946, to May 1, 1947, including four supermarkets, one self-service store and one service store making home delivery. One of the four supermarkets offered milk in both paper and glass containers. Weekly sales in paper bottles rose from 288 quarts to 400 quarts for an increase of 136 per cent, while sales in glass bottles represented only 16.4 per cent of the total volume.

Sales in paper bottles in the other supermarkets showed increases of 245, 308 and 300 per cent. Sales in the self-service market rose 231 per cent, while sales in the service store which made house deliveries soared 400 per cent.

Heart Disease Reported

As Major Death Cause

Heart disease was the leading cause of death among life insurance policyholders in 1946, accounting for one-third of all deaths in the year, the Institute of Life Insurance reports. More than 400,000 life insurance policies were paid as claims for heart-disease deaths last year. This was more than twice the number paid as claims for deaths resulting from cancer, the second largest cause of death during the year among policyholders.

Notwithstanding an increase in the death toll of these two diseases, the 1946 death rate among ordinary policyholders showed a decline to 689.3 per 100,000, compared with 714.5 in 1941. The death rate among owners of industrial life insurance policies, the weekly payment, small unit type usually issued without medical examination, was much higher than among ordinary life policyholders. The 1946 rate for industrial policyholders was 768.5 per 100,000, a decline from 787.5 in 1941.

Reconstituted Milk

Many of the two million people residing in Mexico City today are drinking fluid milk produced by cows 2,000 miles distant from the plant in which the milk was packaged. Powdered whole milk is reconstituted from the United States in 200-pound barrels. This powder is produced from milk which, after inspection and testing, is pasteurized, homogenized and fortified by the addition of vitamin D. The powdered whole milk is shipped by air-freight to Mexico City, where it is reconstituted by addition of purified, sterile water and packaged in non-returnable paper containers in one of the world's most modern fluid milk handling plants. One hundred fifty thousand quarts a day are being distributed in Mexico City.

Eclipsing Binaries

There are a great number of stars in the sky called eclipsing binaries, whose light varies periodically over a relatively short period of time. The variation in light being caused by rotation of two stars around the center of gravity of the system. By accurately determining the variation in light over the entire period the astronomer can determine the relative brightness of the two stars, the relative masses, the relative densities, the radii in terms of the radius of the orbit, the relative temperatures and the inclination of the plane of the orbit. The peculiar shape of the light curve also will yield data relating to other physical properties of the stars.

Efficient Transportation

The United States possesses the most extensive, and efficient transportation system in the world. Practically every community is served by some type of transport, and many thousands by several. The private automobile and motor truck, supplementing the commercial carrier, supply access to every locality. Prior to World War II the United States had only 6 per cent of the world's population, but had one-third of the railway mileage, more than two-thirds of the passenger automobiles and more than one-half of the motor trucks in the world.

Fossilized Tiger Found

Perfectly fossilized skeleton of a tiger has been found in a limestone cavern near Sewanee, Tenn., which indicates that the Appalachian mountains may have been a jungle lowland 30,000 years ago. The skeleton was discovered by Dr. Edward McCrory of University of the South. When he and two students entered the cave to photograph rock formations they found the tiger fossil in a sealed off chamber. This was the first complete specimen ever found in the southeast. It was encased in limestone formed by droppings of water from the ceiling.

NORTHFIELD A. A.

To make the arrival of spring even more official than the calendar it is announced that the Northfield Athletic Association met last Monday evening at the Town Hall with George Leonard, President, presiding.

It was voted to run a raffle again this year to raise money in order to get the season off to a flying start.

Edward Hurley and Lawrence Glazier were appointed delegates to represent Northfield at the

Franklin County League meeting in Greenfield.

A nominating committee consisting of George Leonard, Thomas Hurley, and Lawrence Glazier were appointed to bring in a slate of officers for the next meeting which is to be held on Monday evening, April 5, at the Town Hall. Nominations from the floor will also be honored at the meeting.

All those interested in baseball are urgently requested to be at the next meeting.

GREEN PASTURE CONTEST ANNOUNCED FOR NEW ENGLAND

New England Green Pasture contestants should be at the starting post by April 1 or sooner if they really want to be in the running for the prizes being offered, says Ralph W. Donaldson, extension agronomist at the University of Massachusetts.

At a New England committee meeting held recently it was voted that 18 men picked from the New England states would be sent to the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield and that they would be eligible for awards totaling \$2000. Each of the 18 will receive a plaque with his name inscribed.

County agricultural agents will pick the winners from their counties, and from these the three top winners for each state will be chosen for New England competition. First prize is \$600., second \$400., then \$300., \$200., and six prizes each of \$100.

County agricultural agents, says Donaldson, have the entry blanks and will be in a position to advise farmers as to what a good Green Pasture program should include. The sooner these programs are started the better.

Ford Prince of the University of New Hampshire was chosen as chairman of the New England judging committee, and Lester P. Tompkin of the Massachusetts State Department of Agriculture is secretary.

FATS FOR FREEDOM

Almost every U. S. industry depends on fats and oils either for operation or production of important materials such as lubricating oils and hydraulic fluids, textiles, leather and coating fabrics as well as many other products. Salvaged kitchen fats will help meet these demands.

CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK

More farm families are keeping farm-and-home accounts today than ever before, says Roy E. Moser, extension farm management specialist at the University of Massachusetts. Farm accounts not only aid in filing income tax returns but also aid in improving the efficiency of farm business.

MARKET IMPROVEMENTS OFFERED BY MASS. DAIRYMEN

Climaxing the third annual Massachusetts Farm Marketing conference dairymen recommended recently that the State Legislature establish a uniform milk inspection law.

The recommendation was one of several from the leading agricultural industries of New England during the two-day conference at Harvard University.

Speaking for the dairy committee, chairman Ayers Brinser of Petersham declared that the most powerful factor in setting the price for Massachusetts milk in the price on the Boston market. It was agreed that a close price relationship between the secondary markets and Boston should be maintained.

Brinser further pointed out that the chief advantages of the Massachusetts dairy farmer are his nearness to the Boston market and a more even seasonal production. "On the other hand," he added, "milk can be produced at lower cost in northern New England — due to higher labor costs and a heavier tax in the Bay State."

Committeemen agreed that the prosperity of Massachusetts dairymen depends upon their ability to produce more efficiently.

Among resolutions presented to the Marketing Conference by the Dairy committee were the following:

(1) Every Massachusetts dairy organization should be affiliated with the federated dairy associations of the state.

(2) All Bay State Dairy interests should support the New England Dairy and Food Council.

(3) An inter-market committee of Massachusetts and Northern New England producers should study price relationships and dairy pool methods.

TOWN TREE CENSUS ADVISED TO COMBAT DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Tree Wardens of Massachusetts today were advised to take a census of elm trees in their towns as a safeguard against further spread of the Dutch elm disease.

HOSPITAL TO START NEW WING IN SUMMER

During the coming summer, ground will be broken and construction started on a new wing for the Mary Lane Hospital to be ready for use by December 1949.

Mary Lane Hospital plans have undergone a radical change since the campaign in 1944 raised over \$200,000 for a thirty-bed maternity wing. Hospital needs for Ware and vicinity have changed tremendously in the last five years, and the plans have been completely revised.

The three story wing will not be built because:

1. Thirty maternity beds are many more than are needed.
2. Costs are such that the new wing as planned would run to half a million dollars.
3. The nursing shortage remains so acute that two or three additional floors could not be staffed.
4. The cost of hospital operation makes a seventy bed hospital a white elephant for this hospital district.

The changed plans are these:

1. A new wing will be constructed directly behind the present building. The resulting structure will be in the shape of a letter T, with the present building forming the top of the letter.

2. The new wing will be for medical and surgical cases and total twenty-one beds. The first floor of the present hospital will be changed. The second floor will become a twenty bed MATERNITY floor, with two delivery rooms, a labour room, two thoroughly modern nurseries, a suspect nursery and formula room. All these will fully meet the rigid state requirements for nursery cases.

3. The new basement will eventually give ample space for a very much needed new kitchen, nurses dining room, and for storage.

A number of contributions to the building fund were in the form of memorials. Study of the revised plans show that these memorials can be fitted with hardly an exception.

It is hoped that the cost of construction can be largely met from the funds now at hand. Foundations will be laid before cold weather.

The Mary Lane Hospital will become a fifty-one bed hospital, able to give a maximum of hospital service, but will be so compactly arranged as to keep the cost of plant operation and nursing care within the limits of a practical budget.

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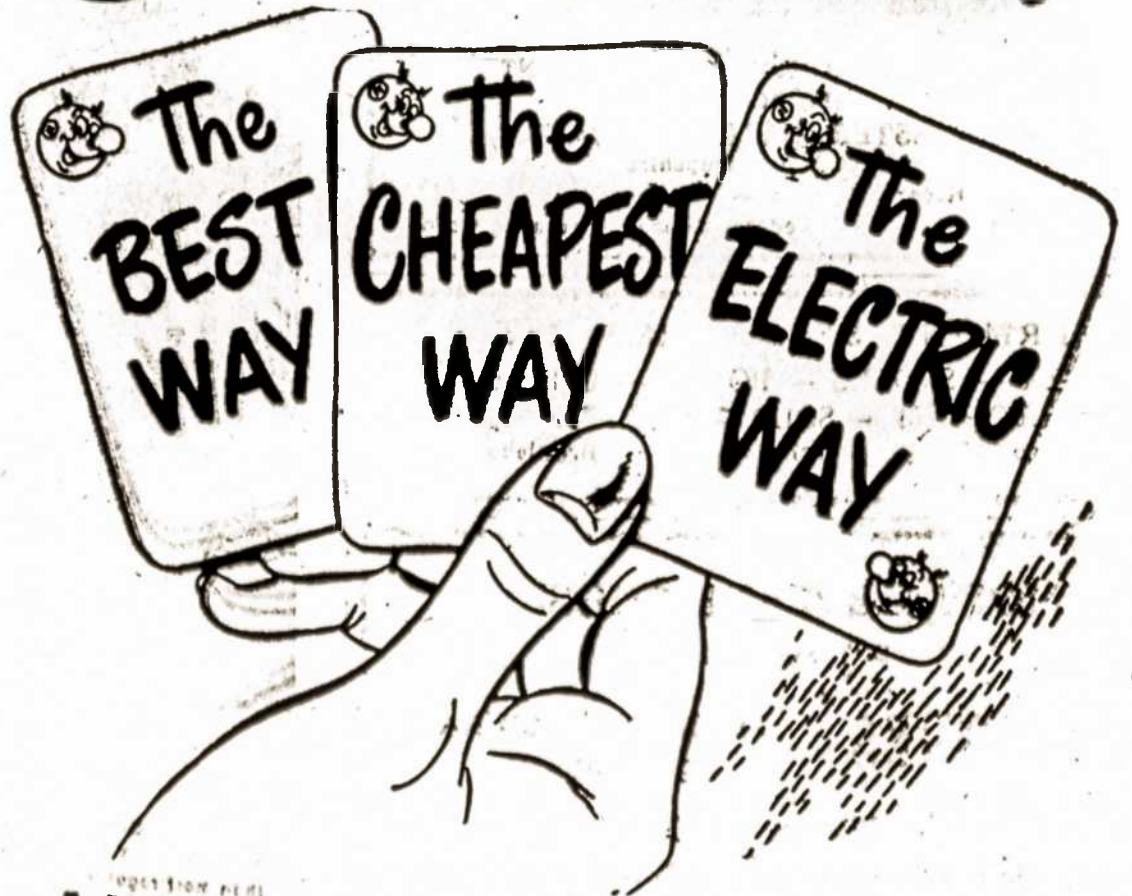
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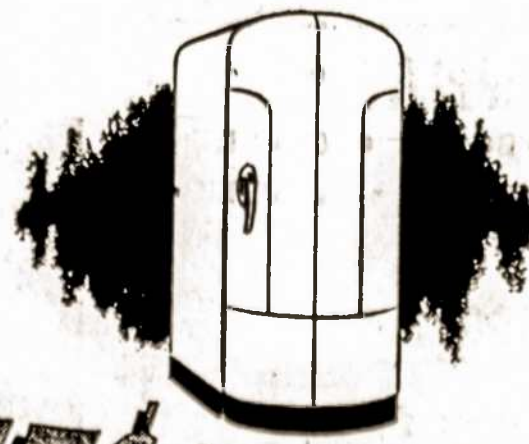
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7:30 p. m. American Unitarian
Youth Group. The Young People
will meet to pack the clothes
they have for European relief.
A recreational period will follow.

There will be the annual meeting
of the Women's Alliance on Thurs-
day. It will be preceded by a
luncheon at "The Latch String"
at 1:30, followed by the annual
meeting and reports at the church.
We hope everyone will be present.

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South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone

Services every Sunday, 10:30
a. m.

Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:30 p. m.
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Weekly prayer meeting, Thurs-
days at the Vernon home, 7:45 p. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor

10:30 a. m. Service—"Post Easter
Lessons for Us".

11:30 a. m. Sunday School.

6:30 p. m. Young People's Service.

Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Monthly
Missionary meeting at the home
of Mrs. Florence Jones.

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Weekly
prayer meeting at the home of
Mrs. Florence Jones.

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